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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICA BRIEF [REDACTED] FOR 17 SEPTEMBER 1993.

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1. HAITI: ARMY AND ARISTIDE DIGGING IN [REDACTED]

MILITARY LEADERS AND PRESIDENT ARISTIDE ARE TAKING INCREASINGLY EXTREME POSITIONS AND MAY BE HEADED FOR A CONFRONTATION. (S NF) POLICE CHIEF FRANCOIS CONTINUES TO TAKE AGGRESSIVE STEPS TO WEAKEN PRIME MINISTER MALVAL AND TO THWART THE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION ACCORD. PRESS REPORTS SAY DOZENS OF ARMED MEN, PRESUMABLY DIRECTED BY FRANCOIS, STORMED THE FINANCE MINISTRY ON WEDNESDAY. [REDACTED] FRANCOIS HAS TOLD ADVISERS HE WILL NOT CONSIDER EITHER RESIGNATION OR A DIPLOMATIC POST. [REDACTED]

ARMY CHIEF CEDRAS RECENTLY ASSURED FIELD COMMANDERS THAT HE WILL NOT COOPERATE WITH MALVAL OR ENDORSE SEPARATING THE POLICE FROM THE MILITARY, [REDACTED] HE ALSO ENCOURAGED HIS OFFICERS TO OPPOSE WHAT HE CALLED INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO DESTROY THE ARMY. BOTH HE AND FRANCOIS HAVE PUBLICLY ASSERTED THAT ARISTIDE HAS BROKEN THE PACT BY CALLING FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL. [REDACTED]

AT THE SAME TIME, ARISTIDE CONTINUES TO PUSH FOR MORE RAPID

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[REDACTED]

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACCORD. LAST WEEK HE CALLED FOR A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION TO SEPARATE THE POLICE FROM THE ARMY AND TO OUTLAW PARAMILITARY GROUPS; CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT FROM THE AGENDA WAS CONSIDERATION OF AMNESTY, A KEY MILITARY CONCERN. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: INCREASING VIOLENCE, THE MILITARY'S DETERMINATION TO HOLD SWAY, AND ARISTIDE'S GROWING IMPATIENCE MAY UNRAVEL THE ACCORD. ALTHOUGH CEDRAS'S STATEMENTS MAY BE BRAVADO, FRANCOIS'S INCREASING TENACITY AND OPPOSITION TO THE ACCORD APPEAR DEEP ROOTED. ARISTIDE'S APPARENTLY DELIBERATE OMISSION OF AMNESTY LEGISLATION SHOWS HE REMAINS DETERMINED TO PUNISH THE MILITARY. [REDACTED]

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HAITI: DOES FRANCOIS CALL THE SHOTS?

PORT-AU-PRINCE POLICE CHIEF MICHEL FRANCOIS APPEARS WILLING TO TRY EVERY OPTION, INCLUDING A COUP, TO CLING TO POWER IN HAITI. FOR NOW, HE PROBABLY WILL TRY TO KEEP UP THE FACADE THAT HE IS THE PRIMARY GUARANTOR OF ORDER IN THE CAPITAL AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. TO SHOW HOW INDISPENSABLE HE IS PERSONALLY TO THE MAINTENANCE OF ORDER, HE APPARENTLY HAS ORCHESTRATED VIOLENT ACTS AGAINST PRO-ARISTIDE FORCES AND THEN ORDERED IN THE POLICE TO CONTROL THEM. WHETHER HE CAN TURN THE VIOLENCE ON AND OFF IS QUESTIONABLE BECAUSE THE NUMEROUS OTHER ANTI-ARISTIDE EXTREMISTS IN HAITI CAN CALL ON THEIR OWN THUGS. [REDACTED]

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